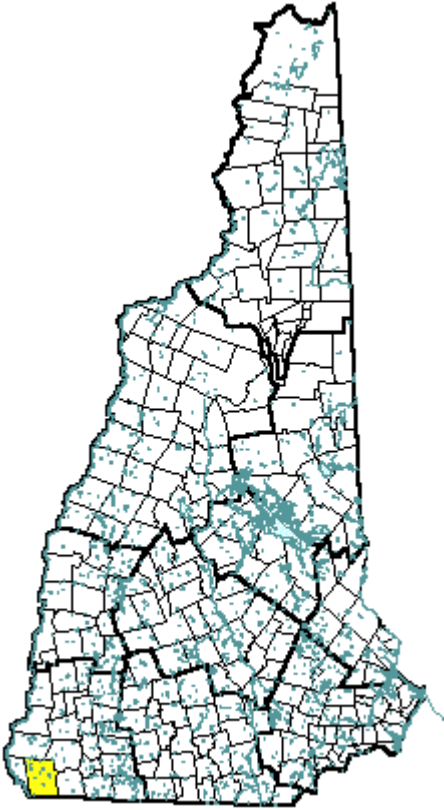


# Winchester, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Cheshire  
Keene NH Micro-NECTA  
Monadnock  
Southwest Region  
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 5  
District 10  
Cheshire County District 4

Incorporated: 1733

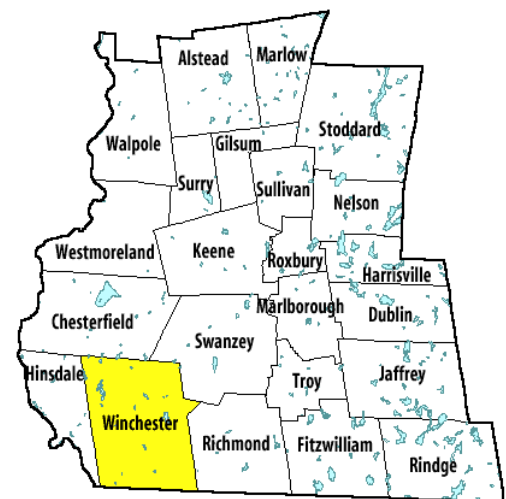
**Origin:** Originally named Arlington, in honor of Charles Fitzroy, Earl of Arlington, this town was one of those established in 1733 as protection for the Massachusetts border at the Connecticut River. After becoming part of the New Hampshire province in 1741, the town was granted to Colonel Josiah Willard, commander of Fort Dummer. Following the wars, it was incorporated as Winchester, for Charles Paulet, Marquis of Winchester, third Duke of Bolton, and constable of the Tower of London.

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,209 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Winchester's population grew below the statewide average rate over each of the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from a one percent increase between 1950-1960 to a 21 percent increase between 1970-1980. Over fifty years, Winchester's population grew by a total of 1,756 residents, going from 2,388 in 1950 to 4,144 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,255 residents, which ranked 87th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2004:** 77.4 persons per square mile of land area. Winchester contains 55.0 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

**Villages and Place Names:** Ashuelot, Camp Forest Lake, Curits Corner, Scotland



Cheshire County

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$2,987,000
Budget: School Appropriations	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1971/03
Master Plan	1996
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning/Zoning Boards

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Library

Public Library	Conant Public; Thayer Public
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**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

**Nearest Hospital(s):**

Cheshire Medical Center, Keene
Distance: 12 miles      Staffed Beds: 146

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Winchester Water Dept.
Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

**PROPERTY TAXES**

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.94
2004 Equalization Ratio	87.0
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.45
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	80.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.3%
Other Property including Utilities	2.7%

**HOUSING**

2003 Total Housing Units	1,815
2003 Single-Family Units	1,141
Building Permits Issued	6
2003 Multi-Family Units	348
Building Permits Issued	20
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	326

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population	Community	County
2004	4,255	76,872
2000	4,153	73,993
1990	4,048	70,223
1980	3,465	62,116
1970	2,869	52,364

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	2,038	Female 2,106

**Population by Age Group**

Under age 5	259
Age 5 to 19	900
Age 20 to 34	769
Age 35 to 54	1,234
Age 55 to 64	394
Age 65 and over	588
Median Age	37 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	78.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	12.9%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 (Census 2000)**

Per capita income	\$16,012
Median 4-person family income	\$43,393
Median household income	\$37,364

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

Male	\$30,399
Female	\$20,682

Families below the poverty level	10.0%
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**LABOR FORCE 1994 2004**

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	2,005	2,231
Employed	1,886	2,129
Unemployed	119	102
Unemployment rate	5.9%	4.6%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES 1994 2004**

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	181	382
Average Weekly Wage	\$517	\$495
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	290	357
Average Weekly Wage	\$271	\$424
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	471	739
Average Weekly Wage	\$366	\$461
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	187	49
Average Weekly Wage	\$355	\$496
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	659	789
Average Weekly Wage	\$363	\$463

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Winchester operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 38**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>P K R 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>292</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>119</b>	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **74**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Claremont**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce; Antioch New England**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Plum Pak	Packaging/Manufacturing	215-240	2000
Kulick's Inc.	Grocery store, mall	55	1909
Crestwoods Co.	Lumber mill	50	
Paper Service Company	Paper mill	45	
Winchester Roll Products, Inc.	Pressure vessels	25	1984
Atlantic Paper Mills of NH, LLC	Paper mill	23	1994
Town of Winchester	Municipal services	22	1753
RiteAid	Drugstore		2000

**TRANSPORTATION**

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	<b>10, 78, 119</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91, Exit 3</b>
	Distance	<b>14 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport		<b>Keene</b>
Runway		<b>6,201 feet</b>
Lighted?	<b>Yes</b>	Navigational Aids? <b>Yes</b>
Nearest Commercial Airport		<b>Worcester, MA</b>
Distance		<b>52 miles</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>70 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>163 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>91 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>200 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>259 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (Census 2000)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>11.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.8%</b>
Walked	<b>1.6%</b>
Other means	<b>0.7%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.7%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>23%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>55%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>22%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Snow &amp; Okemo, VT</b>
	Other: <b>Covered bridges; Historical Society; Pisgah State Park; Forest Lake; Pickle Festival</b>